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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the Office of Public Records in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: John Lin

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Internet Association

Travel Date(s): November 7-9, 2019

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): I submitted an older version of the form, which was not approved by the Ethics Committee. An updated, approved version is attached here.

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(Date)



(Signature of Traveler)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Internet Association
2. Description of the trip: Internet Association seeks to take Senate staff on an educational tour of global internet companies at their Seattle-based facilities.
3. Dates of travel: November 7-9, 2019
4. Place of travel: Seattle, WA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: please see attached list
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR-
 - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

Two overnight stays are necessary because of the nature of the travel required for this trip.

Staff will be spending one full day flying from Washington, DC to Seattle, spend one day participating in educational activities, and one full day flying back from Seattle.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

As the sole sponsor, Internet Association planned and organized all aspects of the trip and corresponded with the businesses involved.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Internet Association is dedicated to fostering innovation, promoting economic growth, and empowering people through the free and open internet. We have invited Senate staff to educate them on the online user experience and issues related to technology policy, including privacy and content moderation.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Internet Association has hosted congressional trips for House and Senate staff between 2013-2016.

Previous locations have included Los Angeles, New York, Seattle, and Silicon Valley.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Internet Association engages in a variety of educational activities, including hosting panels on a wide range of topics such as digital trade, cloud policy, content moderation, and privacy. Internet Association staff also frequently participate in other speaking opportunities hosted by other groups on these topics.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$562.72- Airfare	\$189 per night	\$76	None
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$165- Shuttle Bus to/from airport and meetings			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

B. This trip is an event arranged specifically with regard to Congressional participation with the primary purpose to educate Senate staff on the impacts of the online user experience.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Seattle was selected due to the high number of global internet companies with major offices in the city and in close proximity to each other.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Motif Hotel

1415 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The Motif Hotel is centrally located among IA member companies, where the meetings will be taking place

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily expenses provided for meals will be at or under maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel. The daily rates for lodging slightly exceed the maximum per diem rate of \$184 because the hotel rates for the trip were negotiated prior to the publication of the November 2019 GSA rate and Internet Association relied on the November 2018 GSA rate of \$189 to negotiate the hotel rate.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

The air travel will be coach-class on Alaskan Air. Chartered shuttle ground transportation will also be provided.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

No entertainment will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

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Name of Organization: Internet Association

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